

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Susan B. Anthony and her contributions to the struggle for women's rights many, many years ago.

March is Women's History Month and the perfect time to recognize this incredible woman who truly shaped our country's history and society. She remains one of our Nation's greatest champions, not just for the rights of women but for the rights of all Americans. In addition to the work she did for women and women's rights, she was a leading advocate against the evil of slavery in her day.

Another piece of her legacy that is often brushed over but equally important is her commitment to the rights of unborn children. She opposed abortion because she championed equal rights for all. She did not see a difference in fighting for women's rights and protecting the right to life for all children. She fought for both.

As we think back on Susan B. Anthony's tireless work to promote the dignity of all life, let us renew our own commitment to fight for equal rights, especially for unborn children who have no voice to fight for themselves.

AIRLINE SAFETY

(Mr. INSLEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to inform my colleagues that when they get on their airplanes this evening or tomorrow morning, it is highly, highly unlikely that the checked baggage that will go into the belly of their airplanes will be checked for explosives. Despite the passage of 4 months after this House and the other Chamber and the President signed into law a requirement that 100 percent of all the checked baggage be screened for bombs, not one single bomb-detection piece of equipment in response to that legislation has been installed in an American airport. The reason for that is that finally, 6 months after September 11, the Federal Government finally this week got around to placing an order for the first 100, about 5 percent of what we need, of these machines to get this job done. We have to buy 2,000 of these machines to get this job done, and 6 months after this event the Federal Government still has only ordered 100.

We want to urge the administration to act with greater dispatch to meet this 100 percent target. We were told this week the Inspector General said the target of December will not be met. We want to make sure the administration moves and moves quickly. We need to get this job done.

WELFARE REFORM

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to endorse welfare reform in America. There was an excellent lead editorial this week in the Carolina Morning News of Savannah dated March 4, and I quote:

"The 1996 welfare reform bill, passed by a Republican Congress and signed by President Clinton, stands as one of the great social policy successes of the last 50 years. It was to the cycle of dependency on the dole what the collapse of the Berlin Wall was to communism, both literally and symbolically."

America provides more opportunities to its people than any other country in the world, and our educational system and entrepreneurial spirit are unmatched. Therefore, we should work with President Bush to ensure all Americans have jobs and can fulfill themselves to the highest of their abilities.

Madam Speaker, as the newest member of the Welfare Reform Action Team, I am confident, working together, we can assist more and more people to achieve the American dream. I fully support welfare reforms that will accomplish this important task.

CBO PREDICTS SURPLUS FOR 2003

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, the \$74 billion Bush tax relief plan is already yielding benefits in the form of accelerated economic activity. According to yesterday's estimates from the Congressional Budget Office, higher economic growth added \$23 billion to Federal revenue in fiscal year 2002 and \$16 billion in fiscal year 2003. Congress' nonpartisan analysts now show a \$5 billion surplus in fiscal year 2002; and if we exercise fiscal discipline as we consider new programs and set the budget targets, this new revenue brings a balanced budget within reach for fiscal year 2003.

That is good surplus news. CBO is changing budget estimates released just 2 months ago. I applaud their quick response to new economic information. However, we need to do more. We need real-world budget estimates that incorporate the effects of economic incentives on proposed policy changes. We need to hold our budget analysts accountable every year for the difference between what they have told us would happen and what actually happened. With that, we can improve future budget projections and make sure this economy is rolling again.

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND RECOVERY ACT OF 2001

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 360 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 360

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 3090) to provide tax incentives for economic recovery, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order, a motion offered by the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. The Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to final adoption without intervening motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE) is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS) pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Madam Speaker, House Resolution 360 provides for a single motion offered by the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, or his designee, that the House concur in the Senate amendment with the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution. This resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the motion to concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment. It provides an hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. Finally, the resolution provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to final adoption without intervening motion.

Madam Speaker, this is this body's fourth attempt to find the middle ground. This is the House's fourth attempt to address the needs of unemployed Americans and to provide a needed boost to our economy. This House is putting forth a solution in order to build a consensus.

The amendment made in order under this resolution includes special depreciation allowances for certain property and a 5-year carryback of net operating losses. If we help businesses, we help create much needed jobs. It provides an additional 13 weeks of temporary extended unemployment benefits for those who have exhausted their regular benefits. It includes the liberty zone tax benefits for reconstruction of New York City. Finally, it extends a number of expiring, yet very important, provisions such as tax credits for electric vehicles, the welfare-to-work tax credit, the Archer medical savings accounts, tax credits for production of alternative energy sources, work opportunity tax credits, temporary assistance to needy families, or TANF, and that is to name just a few.